

Safety Alert Bulletin

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AquaPod 12-Gallon Aquariums Recalled

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“AquaPod” 12-Gallon Aquariums Recalled Due to Shock Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: AquaPod 12-Gallon Aquariums

Units: About 1,000

Manufacturer and Distributor: Current USA Inc., of Vista, Calif.

Hazard: These aquariums have three power cords, two for the aquarium lamps and one for the air pump. When only one of the two lamp cords is plugged in, the unplugged lamp cord can become energized, posing an electrical shock hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Current USA Inc. has received nine reports of electrical problems with these aquariums, resulting in seven consumers suffering shocks by touching unplugged, energized lamp cords.

Description: This recall affects AquaPod Aquariums with model number 7050. The model number is not written on the aquariums, but is on the owner's manual and the packaging. Only aquariums without a white label containing the manufacturer date and a bar code, which is attached to light reflector inside lid of the aquariums are included in this recall. To check if your unit has a white sticker, open the aquarium lid and look on the bottom left corner of the light reflector. If your AquaPod 12-Gallon System has a white label with a date in black letters and bar code, it is not included in the recall. Model numbers 7051 and 7052 aquariums also are not included in the recall.

Sold in: Pet stores nationwide, pet merchandise catalogs, and by Web retailers from December 2005 through January 2006 for about \$240.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should stop using these aquariums immediately by turning off the power at the breaker switch and unplugging all the cords. Consumers should contact their local retailer or call the firm for information on receiving a free replacement aquarium.

Consumer Contact: For more information, consumers should call Current USA Inc. toll-free at (866) 276-8872 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at:

<http://www.current-usa.com>

To view this recall online, please visit our website at:

<https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml06/06111.html>



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